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VIA REGULATIONS.GOV

National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)
Washington, DC 20460

Re: *Response to Freedom of Information Act Requests for Small Refinery and Small Refiner Hardship Exemption Materials*

Dear FOIA Officer:

I am counsel for the Small Refinery Owners Coalition (the “Coalition”).¹ The EPA’s FOIA database² indicates that the Agency is in receipt of at least two FOIA requests from ethanol groups seeking information about hardship relief granted to small refineries.³

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.* and 40 C.F.R. § 2.100 *et seq.*, the Coalition requests that you forward all documents responsive to these and other similar FOIA requests to my attention. Please provide all responsive documents to me in the same format made available to the requestors. I agree to pay reasonable fees for the documents requested, including actual costs up to \$250. If you estimate that actual costs will exceed \$250, please contact me so that I may arrange for payment.

If documents are withheld entirely, please provide a justification for withholding the information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6) and 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(h).

Please contact me at 202-654-6209 or LeAnnJohnson@perkinscoie.com, if you have any questions about this request.

¹ Members of the Coalition are Alon USA Energy, Inc.; American Refining Group, Inc.; Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P.; Delek US Holdings; Ergon, Inc.; Hunt Refining Company; Placid Refining Company LLC; Wyoming Refining Company; and U.S. Oil & Refining.

² <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/request/publicPreCreate>

³ See Renewable Fuels Association, *Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) Request for Small refinery and Small Refiner hardship Exemption Materials* (April 4, 2018); Advanced Economic Solutions, *FOIA Request* (April 2, 2018).

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeAnn Koch", with a stylized, cursive script.

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